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I. STATEMENTS ON POLITICAL SUBJECTS: NO GUIDANCE.

II. REPORT OF THE MBFR AD HOC GROUP: GUIDANCE FOLLOWS
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III. ATLANTIC RELATIONS: GUIDANCE IN PREPARATION.

IV. BURDENSARING: NO FURTHER GUIDANCE.

V. REPORT ON THE SITUATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, JUNE-
NOVEMBER, 1973. ON PARA 56, DEPARTMENT PREFERS THIRD
ALTERNATIVE, AS REPORTED STATE 229864, PARA 22. HOWEVER,
WE COULD LIVE WITH FIRST ALTERNATIVE, WHICH IS ORIGINAL
LAST SENTENCE PROPOSED FOR THIS PARA BY IS. IN ADDITION
TO DANGER OF GREATER US-SOVIET INVOLVEMENT INHERENT IN
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SOVIET CONTINGENCY MOVES, ACCOMPLISHMENT OF SOVIET INTENT

WOULD HAVE REPRESENTED STRATEGIC THREAT OF DIRECT
SIGNIFICANCE TO NATO. SOVIET POSITION IN MEDITERRANEAN
WOULD HAVE BEEN STRENGTHENED, SOVIET POTENTIAL FOR FURTHER
POWER PLAYS IN MIDDLE EAST AND ELSEWHERE WOULD HAVE BEEN
ENHANCED, AND SOVIET ABILITY TO INFLUENCE OIL FLOW FROM
MIDDLE EAST WOULD HAVE BEEN INCREASED. ALL THIS IS WITHOUT
REGARD FOR DANGER TO ISRAEL. IN SLIGHT ADDITIONAL CHANGES
TO THIS PARA, IF POSSIBLE, DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS DELETING
PORTION OF FIRST SENTENCE PARA 56 BEGINNING "BUT ALSO..."

WITH SENTENCE IN PARA 56 ON "DANGEROUS AUTOMATICITY"

OF SOVIET REACTIONS. MOSCOW'S FOUR DAY DELAY IN
STARTING AIRLIFT MAY YET OPEN SOVIETS TO ARAB CRITICISM.
SUGGEST "EXTENSIVE" FOR "VIRTUALLY UNCONDITIONAL"
ASSISTANCE FURTHER IN PARA. RUSH

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